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To: <u>JCSS Exhibits</u>

Subject: April 11 Hearing - Supportive testimony for HB 2019

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Dear Joint Committee on Student success,

My daughter entered kindergarten in 1991, right after the passage of Measure 5. Hers was the first graduating class to go all the way through Portland Public Schools under the unrelenting pressure of budget cuts. Music, psychologists, electives were all cut, cut, cut. One year her elementary school library remained locked the entire year. In her junior year of high school she had to organize a bottle drive to pay one of her IB teacher's salary. Now she has a child who will enter PPS in 3 and a half years. Class sizes are still too large, teachers are still under-valued, and equity remains a huge problem from school to school. We have excellent leadership at PPS now, but they need resources. Please dont let another generation suffer. Please turn around our historic and tragic disinvestment now.

Sincerely, Joyce Cresswell 1622 SE 56th Ave Portland, OR 97215-3354